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SOURCE

6th Signal Battalion in Brno.

1. Prior to 10 September 1951, the 6th Sig Bn was stationed in Brno (P 50/N 40) and was subordinate to the 6th Inf Div which was located in a building with a park on the north side of ul. Zaradnikova in the northwestern sector of Brno. The 6th Inf Div was subordinate to the Hq 2d MD in Trencin (P 49/T 58) which source believed to be under the command of Corps General Sevcik (fnu). Source also stated that the Hq 1st MD was located in Prague. Officers of the 6th Inf Div included Colonel Bilek (fnu), commanding officer; Major Adamek (fnu), signal-communications officer; Senior Lieutenant Rehurek (fnu), political officer; Colonel Dostal (fnu), division surgeon; Lieutenant Colonel Benes (fnu), supply officer; and Staff Captain Ernest (fnu), deputy supply officer. (1)
2. The 6th Sig Bn was quartered in the Masaryk Barracks which was located on the west side of Prague Street in the Kralovo Pole borough and was bordered by ul. Strelecka, ul. Chodska, ul. Skladistni and ul. Hlavni. (2) Officers of the battalion included Captain Kalvoda (fnu), commanding officer; Captain Hanak (fnu), motor transport officer; and Captain Casek (fnu), supply officer. The battalion was organized into three unusually small companies, with the 1st Co furnishing the personnel for various central radio stations, the 2d Co for three telephone switchboards, and the 3d Co for a teletype station. In May 1951, the battalion participated in field exercises at the Mesto Libava (P 50/O 07) troop training grounds.

24th Signal Battalion in Brno.

3. The 24th Sig Bn was referred to as the signal-communications school of the 6th Inf Div and was also quartered in the Masaryk Barracks. Its officers included Major Mucha (fnu), commanding officer; Staff Captain Matusek (fnu), deputy battalion commander and political officer; Staff Captain Tlaczaba (fnu), chief of staff; Captain Borek (fnu), medical officer; Staff Captain Kubicek (fnu), commanding officer of the three training companies; and Captain Drozdy (fnu), commanding officer of the 1st Co. The battalion was organized into a company of cadre personnel, the 1st Co of radio operators, the 2d Co of telephone operators, and the 3d Co of teletype operators. The strength of each company was estimated to be at least 150 men. The battalion had 35 draft horses, 150 two-wheel carts for the transportation of signal equipment, 2 sedans and 5 trucks. In the spring of 1951, the battalion was allotted 6

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to 8 Skoda radio trucks.

4. A radiotelephone communication center was also located in the Masaryk Barracks. It was alternately operated by three selected officers who were subordinate to Staff Captain Kvarta (fnu) of the Hq 6th Div.
5. The mobilization depot (Mot-Depot) for signal equipment for the entire 6th Div was also located in the Masaryk Barracks.

Other Military Units in Brno and Other Military Posts.

6. Other military units in Brno included the 31st Inf Regt in an installation just northwest of the Masaryk Barracks in the Kralovo Pole borough; an engineer battalion in the Pisarky suburb west of Brno; a light, horse-drawn, artillery battalion in a barracks installation on the east side of Prague Street on a level with the Masaryk Barracks; another artillery battalion and a motor transport battalion, which source believed to be the 6th, in the Cerne Pole borough; and a heavy artillery battalion in the Zidenice borough. (3)
7. Other military units known to source included an infantry regiment in Znojmo (O 49/S 06); a unit in Mikulov (P 49/S 56), which was referred to as a reserve unit of the PS and whose personnel wore red epaulets; a tank unit and a heavy artillery battalion in Vyskov (P 50/N 71); a school for signal-communication mechanics in Zabreh na Morave (P 50/N 58); and an AAA unit in the Jiskrov Barracks northwest of the Olomouc (P 50/N 85) main railroad station. In the summer of 1951, several AA guns on four-wheel mounts were seen in the yard of this installation. Soldiers seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets. (4)
8. Prior to August 1950, a signal reserve officers' school under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Hell (fnu) was located in Nove Mesto nad Vahom (P 49/T 36). An artillery and an engineer unit were also stationed in Nove Mesto nad Vahom. The engineer unit was quartered in an installation in the city center. (5)
9. Prior to August 1949, the Vojenska Skola Jana Zizky, a military school in Moravska Trebova (P 50/N 46), was under the command of Captain Ciebol (fnu) and was subordinate to the 6th Div. The school consisted of 3 three-story buildings and some low wooden buildings and was located on the south side of the road to Rozstani (P 50/N 46), southeast of Mor. Trebova. Volunteers, 17 or 18 years old, received military training there. Their dress uniforms consisted of blouses with gold buttons, dark-blue trousers, dark-blue berets, low black shoes and dark-blue socks. (6)

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- the present report is possibly the 305th Arty Bn which is carried in Erno, but is carried as being subordinate to an artillery brigade.
- (4) The 24th Inf Regt, which is also subordinate to the 6th Inf Div, is carried in [Znojmo]. The tank unit in Vyskov is possibly the 11th Tank Brig, which is subordinate to the Tank Corps, or the tank school. The AAA unit in Olomouc might be the 152d AAA Regt.
- (5) Nove Mesto nad Vahom is known to be the signal communication training center. The 12th Engr Bn is also carried there.
- (6) [REDACTED]

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